



UNITED STREETS OF BIRMINGHAM

COMMUNITY AWARDS

The United Streets of Birmingham Community Awards

have been created in order to recognise the contribution that local people make to reduce crime in Birmingham. We want to make sure that the people who do stand out get the recognition that they deserve.

The aim of the awards is to recognise those who are making a positive contribution to their community. By honouring the people who have begun to make a difference, we can encourage others to do the same – and together we can have a huge impact right across the city.

The awards are organised by the **Safer Birmingham Partnership**. The Safer Birmingham Partnership is a multi-agency organisation that includes West Midlands Police, Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Fire Service, Birmingham Primary Care Trusts, Third Sector Assembly, West Midlands Area Probation Service and a range of other agencies. Safer Birmingham Partnership ensures the delivery of a range of community safety activity which is aimed at making Birmingham even safer.

Who can I nominate?

You can nominate individuals (young people or adults) and groups who have transformed their communities by:

- Being a witness and giving evidence in court;
- Tackling problems such as vandalism, nuisance neighbours, harassment and intimidation;
- Setting up a residents or tenants group to deal with noise or neighbour problems;
- Organising a clean up of rubbish or litter;
- Organising events for young people to discourage anti-social behaviour;
- Helping clean up graffiti from a community centre;
- Supporting others to take a stand against crime in your area;
- Turning away from anti-social behaviour to become someone who is an asset to their community;
- Campaigning in their local area for change;
- Doing anything else to tackle anti-social behaviour and strengthen their community;
- Demonstrating fresh, bold thinking, which is innovative enough to inspire others;
- Contributing to a successful partnership in making the community safer;
- Going that extra mile to make a difference to the lives of others;
- Doing something innovative to improve the facilities and resources in their community;
- Building bridges between communities to reduce crime and anti-social behavior.

Do you or people in your community know of anyone who deserves a United Streets of Birmingham Community Award? It could be a parent, a relative, a neighbour or friend, a local authority employee, a police officer, a police community support officer, a street warden, a youth worker, a teacher, a school or a youth group - as long as they live or work in Birmingham.

How do I make a nomination?

To make a nomination, just complete the attached form and post to:

FREPOST MID 18453, Birmingham B3 3BR or save and email to: dave.clifton@birmingham.gov.uk

It is important that you provide us with as much detail as possible, when completing the form, if you need help completing the form or for further information, please call **0121 464 6560**.

The closing date for nominations is 31 July 2009.

These awards won't work without your help. We want to reward as many people as possible and for this we need people to be aware of the awards and for people to be nominated.

Winners will be invited to an awards ceremony at the Council House in the autumn.

Don't miss out on the opportunity and remember, all nominees **MUST** live or work in Birmingham.

NOMINATION FORM

Please use capital letters and black ink when completing the form.
All nominees must live or work in Birmingham.

Contact details of the person or people you would like to nominate for an award:

Are you nominating an individual, a young person or a group of people? *(please tick)*

Individual Young Person Group

If a group, please give the name of the main contact:

Approximately, how many people are in this group?

Group name (if applicable):

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr): Position (if applicable):

First name: Last name:

Address:

Post code:

Tel:

Mobile:

Email:

Does this person/group know that you have nominated them for an award? Yes No

If the person is under 18, the parent or guardian must sign here:

Signature _____ Print name: _____

Your contact details:

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr): Position (if applicable):

First name: Last name:

Address:

Post Code:

Tel:

Mobile:

Email:

Where did you hear about the United Streets of Birmingham: Community Award?

Local media Poster Advert in the press Email

From a former winner Word of mouth Letter Library

Community Centre Neighbourhood Office

For your entry to be valid, please provide contact details of two people who can support this application e.g. a local teacher, police officer, council officer, your employer, minister of religion, PCSO, MP or local councillor:

1.

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr): Position (if applicable):

First name: Last name:

Address:

Post code:

Tel:

Mobile:

Email:

2.

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr): Position (if applicable):

First name: Last name:

Address:

Post code:

Tel:

Mobile:

Email:

Tell us why you think the person or group should win an award.

What problems did they face?

Examples from previous nominations include, noisy neighbours, intimidation from groups of people hanging around, mini-moto nuisance, graffiti on a community centre, people vandalising a park or harassment through prostitution, drug use etc.

What did they do to tackle the problem?

For example, gathering information about the people causing the problems and giving evidence in court, setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme or tenants group, organising a clean-up or running a campaign to get local agencies to do more.

If you run out of space, please continue on one side of A4 paper or Word document should you email.

How did they make a difference in the community?

For example, fewer incidents of anti-social behaviour, more people willing to come forward to give evidence, people feeling safer using the local shops or helped to restore confidence in local agencies.

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